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Memorandum to Mr. Nichols July 20, 1955

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In December, 1954, information was received from the State Department indicating Justice William O. Douglas was planning to go to the Soviet Union in August, 1955, and to be accompanied by Robert Kennedy. Douglas indicated that the trip would be for one month and that they planned to go through Moscow and Leningrad. (65-30092-5264)

In January, 1955, Bureau was confidentially furnished information to the effect that Kennedy and his Subcommittee was conducting inquiries on wire tapping in the District of Columbia and that they had contacted officials of the telephone company in this connection. (62-12114-2866)

On May 13, 1955, Kennedy was a guest on the Dave Garroway Television Program and was questioned concerning the Dr. John Peters case. His comments concerning the FBI were favorable. (121-4200-167)

You will recall that Harry Lev testified recently before Kennedy's Subcommittee in connection with the manufacture of military hats and caps and Kennedy was contacted by Bureau Agents prior to Lev's testimony. Kennedy was uncooperative in that he advised the Agents he would prefer waiting until testimony of Lev had been completed, then he would be more than glad to turn over everything concerning this case to the FBI. In this connection the Director noted, in part, " Kennedy was completely uncooperative until after he had squeezed all the publicity out of the matter he could." (46-23395-107)

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